

After-School Care Supervisor, Associate Educator, and now an Elementary School Teacher.

Ms. Bosfield-Moore is a role model who demonstrated in her own life how her students could overcome the obstacles they faced in theirs. She raised five of her sibling's children; two of her own children; and four grandchildren, and still she made the time to graduate from college with a teaching degree at the age of forty-three. This is a truly remarkable task, and it speaks volumes about the truly remarkable person she is.

Ms. Bosfield-Moore's dedication, loyalty, compassion, and involvement will be sorely missed at Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School, by parents, colleagues, administrators and students alike.

Congratulations, Ms. Bosfield-Moore, for a job well done.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWNRIVER COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to acknowledge the 25th Anniversary of the Downriver Council for the Arts (DCA). The DCA has been a driving force in bringing quality arts education, valuable cultural information and employment to artists and educators throughout the Downriver community.

Founded in 1978, the DCA is a non-profit, umbrella organization that represents, promotes and serves the 18 Downriver communities. The DCA's Home Gallery, resource library, information center, newsletter, cultural calendar, weekly column, arts hotline, website and cable programs provide up-to-date information on artistic, cultural and special events to the nearly 400,000 residents of Downriver.

The DCA works closely with community-based arts organizations, service clubs, municipal governments, schools and social agencies to bring the arts into the community. This wonderful organization nurtures the cultural and artistic growth of thousands of Downriver residents. The DCA not only fosters strong relationships between art institutions and educators, but also serves as a bridge between all socio-economic categories.

The DCA provides volunteer, educational and professional development opportunities, works to insure equal access to artistic opportunities and promotes the recognition of art and culture as a primary contributor to economic development and the quality of life within the Downriver communities.

Mr. Speaker, as the Downriver Council for the Arts celebrates its 25th Anniversary, I would ask that all my colleagues rise and salute this phenomenal organization for all that they have done and will continue to do for the arts in Downriver.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 2, 2003, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 227, 228, and 229. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 227 on Suspending the Rules and Agreeing to H. Res. 159, Expressing Profound Sorrow on the Occasion of the Death of Irma Rangel; rollcall vote 228 on Suspending the Rules and Agreeing to H. Res. 195, Congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for Hitting 500 Major League Home Runs; and rollcall vote 229 on Suspending the Rules and Passing H.R. 1465, the General Charles Gabriel Post Office Building Designation Act.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 227, 228, and 229.

CONGRATULATING ALAN KENT LIPKE, RETIRING PRINCIPAL OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN JACKSON, MISSOURI FOR 39 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION'S CHILDREN

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, a well-known proverb exemplifies the life mission of our friend and educator Alan Lipke. "A child is not a vessel to be filled, but a lamp to be lit."

For 39 years, Alan Lipke has been an educator committed to bringing light to the lives of our children. Whether it was for two years at St. Paul Lutheran School in Evansville, Indiana, for 13 years at St. Paul Lutheran School in Aurora, Illinois or for the last 22 years right here at St. Paul Lutheran School in Jackson, Missouri, students across the Heartland have been blessed by the dedication and passion of someone who has spent his life preparing our children for the future.

Now, after playing such an integral role in the education of countless youngsters, Alan Lipke has decided it is time to retire from education and begin a new chapter in his life. Though it is clear that he has "put in his time," it is with a heavy heart that we prepare for Alan's departure. He has been a remarkable and stellar educator and after 39 years of unparalleled service to the teaching profession, to say that his absence from education will be missed is an understatement.

And though Alan is retiring from his current profession, I know he will still be a visible and active member of the Jackson community. Maybe we'll see him at Jackson Chamber of Commerce meetings, at festivities for the St. Paul Lutheran School or just out enjoying time with his wife Sally, his children Lisa and Scott, his daughter-in-law Ashley, and most important of all, his grandson Parker. Wherever we may see him, I am sure he will be having fun and enjoying this rich and wonderful time of his life.

Mr. Speaker, on this very special occasion, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in con-

gratulating Alan on this milestone and wish him every happiness for the future. Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO BLONEVA SMITH

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Bloneva Smith, a remarkable teacher who, after 37 years of dedicated service, has decided to retire from the Dade County Schools.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate from Booker T. Washington Senior High School in Miami, Florida. She attended Howard University in Washington, DC, where she earned her undergraduate degree. Bloneva Smith is a member of Mt. Hermon AME Church and a sister of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Mrs. Smith brought to her young students, as well as her young teaching colleagues, a wealth of experience and a perspective on educational progress that spans some of the most difficult decades in our history. Her teaching career began in 1966, during a time when the Dade schools were still effectively racially segregated and black educators were traditionally assigned to teach at historically black schools.

In January 1970, she was reassigned to Treasure Island Elementary School in response to a court order to integrate all schools. Mrs. Smith continued teaching there for 16 years before moving on to Rainbow Park Elementary and finally to Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School, where she has decided to end her teaching career.

I understand that Mrs. Smith has been called a "quiet storm" because she gets results without making a big fuss. We thank her for her service as a proficient and effective educator, and I know all my colleagues join in offering her our best wishes in all her future endeavors.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP OF JOSEPH L. HUDSON JR.

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the extraordinary leadership of Mr. Joseph L. Hudson Jr. Mr. Hudson has been a committed civic leader in the greater Detroit area for over 45 years. Over the course of his lifetime, Mr. Hudson has served as a role model for not only his leadership abilities, but his dedication to his community, his church and, most important of all, his family.

Born on July 4, 1931 in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Hudson was destined to be a strong figure in our Nation's landscape. Mr. Hudson joined the J.L. Hudson Company following graduation from Yale in 1953. Between 1954 and 1956 he served as an artillery officer with the U.S. Army in Germany. In 1956 he returned to Hudson's, was elected a Vice President in 1957 and in 1961 became President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Hudson retired from the

J.L. Hudson Company and the Dayton Hudson Corporation in 1982 after serving as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for ten years.

In 1956 Mr. Hudson was elected to the board of trustees of the Hudson-Webber Foundation and served as President and then Chairman from 1961 until his retirement in 1996. The Hudson-Webber Foundation is committed to improving the vitality and quality of life of the metropolitan Detroit community with special emphasis on the Detroit Medical Center, the arts, crime reduction, economic development and the communities' urban revitalization needs.

Mr. Hudson's civic and community involvement includes service on the City of Detroit Arts Commission (Detroit Institute of Arts) where he served as President from 1979–1990; Active Honorary Trustee and founding Chairman of New Detroit, Inc., America's first urban coalition. Mr. Hudson has also received Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degrees from the University of Detroit, Wayne State University, and Michigan State University.

In June of 2003, Mr. Hudson will complete 19 years as founding Chairman of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. Under his remarkable leadership, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$145 million in over 18,000 grants to improve the seven counties of Southeastern Michigan. The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan is one of the youngest and fastest growing of over 600 community foundations worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all my colleagues rise and join me in honoring Mr. Hudson's humanitarian achievements and tireless dedication to his community and church.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL J.
HANDY: THE VETERANS' VETERAN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Michael J. Handy, Director of the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs in the City of New York. Mr. Handy died on May 31 from a heart attack. He was 55 years old.

Mr. Handy was first appointed to head the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs by Mayor David Dinkins in the late 1980's, and was reappointed to that position by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

For Mr. Handy, service to veterans was not a partisan issue. Indeed, he was New York's Veterans' Veteran, having dedicated 30 years of his professional life to assisting the men and women who had served in our Nation's Armed Forces.

He had served in Vietnam as an enlisted man in the Air Force. But as his loving wife Edna has pointed out, Mr. Handy's service after the war, and to the very end, was a response to a call that struck him so deeply that it became central to his life. For him, working for and with veterans was not so much a job, or a political office, it was a passion.

I first began working with Mr. Handy in the late 1980's when he became involved with the

Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust, which I chaired. Mr. Handy became a fixture at those annual meetings which convened each September during the Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference.

Mr. Handy was one of the very first advocates for federally assisted housing for disabled and veterans, which culminated eventually in a program to provide such housing, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Veterans' Administration.

In his later years, Mr. Handy was a persistent advocate for raising the benefits received by Reservists and National Guardsmen to equal those of active duty soldiers. His voice in that area has been heard in Washington, where Democrats in Congress are pushing such legislation.

Mr. Handy, a native New Yorker, was a lively, kind and gentle man whose service to New York City's veterans, including those residing in my Congressional District, I will never forget. He followed his vocation with the greatest enthusiasm, attending every parade, every meeting, every dedication, in the hope that somehow his presence would make a difference for his constituents which numbered more than half a million veterans in the city and nearly 400 veterans organizations.

Mr. Handy, in his Director's statement at the Office of Veterans' Affairs, described New York as a city of "patriotic Americans—men and women—who have put themselves in harm's way to preserve our way of life. We owe those who wear, and those who wore, the uniform of the United States of America a debt of gratitude for their service and their sacrifice."

Mr. Speaker, we all owe Michael Handy a comparable debt. We thank and commend him. And we pray that you will ease the pain of his loss being endured by his dear wife Edna, his loving daughters, extended family and his many friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, during an absence yesterday, I regrettably missed rollcall votes 227–229. Had I been preset, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall No. 227: "yea"; rollcall No. 228: "yea"; rollcall No. 229: "yea."

TRIBUTE TO MAE W. SEAMAN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it has been said that teachers can only retire from their jobs, but not from their calling. That is certainly true for Mae W. Seaman who, after 32 years of dedicated service, has decided to retire from the Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School.

Mae Seaman was born and raised in Miami, Florida and is a proud graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School. She attended the University of Miami to earn her undergraduate degree and went on to receive her Master of Science degree from Nova University.

She began her teaching career began in 1970 at West Little River Elementary in Miami. At West Little River Elementary the staff bestowed upon her one of the highest honors that they could bestow on any colleague "Teacher of the Year." Ms. Seaman remained at West Little River Elementary for 10 years before moving on to other endeavors.

Ms. Seaman's day, for the past eighteen years, started with a five o'clock wake-up, in order to get her mother to the family's business on the west side of town, before greeting her students each day. Her mother still lives with her and although she has retired, her routine remains the same—up by five o'clock, to take care of family and business.

All that will be missing each day are the students, but Ms. Seaman can take pride in the success of the thousands of young people she helped successfully nurture and develop over the years.

Congratulations, Ms. Seaman. Thank you for your service, and enjoy your retirement.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH
FOLEY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elizabeth Foley, from Saline, Michigan, which is located in my district, on becoming a State Honoree in the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program for outstanding volunteer service.

Conducted in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created eight years ago by Prudential Financial, Inc. to encourage youth volunteerism and to identify and reward young role models. State Honorees are chosen from more than 24,000 applicants as particularly impressive examples of what young Americans today are capable of doing to make their communities better places to live.

Ms. Foley, 14, organized the "Visual Ambassadors," a school group dedicated to educating others about the visually impaired. After being inspired by a blind friend who taught her Braille, Elizabeth wanted to help educate other students about what visually impaired individuals go through each day. After writing a project proposal and obtaining the approval of school officials, Elizabeth developed plans for a six-week after school class. She bought Braille books, organized a field trip and put together an information packet for her students. She hopes to have over 100 graduates of her program by the time she goes to college.

This young woman's selfless acts to enlighten others about the disabled should be commended. Mr. Speaker, I would like you to join me and all of my colleagues in congratulating Ms. Foley for her accomplishments.